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It has been ascertained that the Ecuadoran Ministry of National Defense is contemplating the following changes in the assignments of its military attaches:

- 1. The Military Attache to Argentina will be recalled as of 1 January 1948. The Ministry does not contemplate reassigning a successor. The reason given will be one of economic necessity. However, the actual reason is believed to be the Minister's apprehension over Argentine influence on any personnel assigned to duty in that country.
- 2. The post of Military Littache to Chile will be reopened. It is contemplated that Lt. Colonel Alberto Mittman, who is presently Military Attache to Peru, will be transferred there. This change is being effected since it is believed that he is too friendly and sympathetic to the present military regime in Peru, and because his presence is not desired in Ecuador. His propensity for revolution and opposition to the incumbent government in Ecuador are well known.
- 3. The present Military Attache in Colombia is being relieved on the basis of incompetency. The post will be offered to Lt. Colonel Cesar Alfaro, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces. Alfaro is considered to be one of the most active leaders of the opposition to the Plaza administration, and for this reason the President and the Minister of National Defense are anxious to get him out of the country in order to nullify his revolutionary activities.

